

# The Lions Heartbeat

## District 25A Newsletter



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### *Message from the District Governor*

Greetings Fellow Lions!

I send this message from the beautiful city of Chicago, where the world's District Governor Elects are embarking on the final training program before we are officially sworn in as the 2017-2018 Governor of our respective districts. We have a full week of instruction before we begin the much-anticipated Centennial celebration. I am told this is a celebration you don't want to miss!

As we begin our new Lion year, we also begin the new century of the world's largest service organization. What a great time to try new ideas. It is no secret membership within Lions Clubs is declining. Now is the time to try a new way of recruiting and retaining. Not sure how to begin? Check out the tools on LCI's website, or better yet, attend the new officer training in Kouts on July 8 (see flyer).

I am eager to meet our incoming International President, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, and learn more about his goals for the next year. His theme is going back to our basics – WE SERVE. This is what Lions do and what this organization is founded upon – service. I am a strong believer that each of us affects the other in some way, therefore, my theme for the new year is "Touching Lives Through Service". I have experienced this concept so much during my Lion journey, and hope I can inspire each of you to spread the message.

When I leave Chicago, I will be your next District Governor. Before I take over the helm, I want to give a huge thank you to DG Patty Cooke for leading our district. Thank you for all your words of encouragement, smiles and laughter. Congrats on a job well done!!

I am looking forward to starting this new chapter in Lions and sharing this next year with the awesome Lions of District 25A, our state and world. It is exciting to know we are paving the way for a new century of serving mankind. Your leadership team is ready to train, share ideas and discuss our district goals, so don't forget to RSVP for the officer training. See you in Kouts!

Yours in Service and Friendship ~~

*Lion Robin, District Governor*

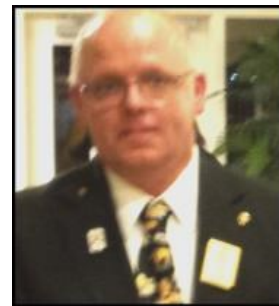


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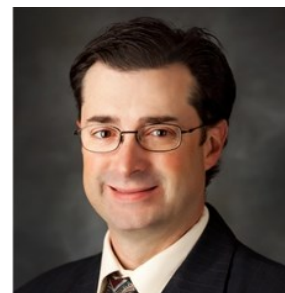
### ***Message from 1st VDG PDG Dennis Brown:***

I'm sitting here at my Lions Club picnic with my family—both Lions and personal. I think how blessed I am,. Just remember not to take either family for granted. Enjoy the time you have. As we celebrate Lions one-hundredth anniversary, remember where we've been, but more importantly how are we going to shape Lions for the next 100 years. **1st VDG Dennis**



### ***Message from 2nd VDG Mitch Semans***

I joined the Hamlet Lions Club in 1998 and served as Club President for 2007-2008 and then again 2015-2016 and was zone chairman for 2016-2017. I graduated from Oregon-Davis High School in 1990 and from Manchester College in 1996 with a Business Administration degree majoring in Marketing . I have worked in the Insurance and Financial industry for over 20 years and am currently a financial advisor with Ameriprise in Valparaiso. I also coach boys and girls varsity track and girls golf at Lacrosse High School. I like antiquing with my wife and spoiling my 5 grandkids. I appreciate the opportunities with the Lions Club and look forward to getting more involved on a higher level. I want to increase the exposure of the local Lions Clubs and let our communities know that we are much more than a club that collects eyeglasses and really push “where there’s a need there’s a Lion”. Community service is such an important aspect for the growth and betterment of every community and by working together with the local clubs not only can we achieve great things for our local communities but also for the state of Indiana, our nation, and globally. I am looking forward to my journey in Lionism and I appreciate everyone’s support. Thank you



**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mitch**

### ***Message from IPDG Patty Cooke***

Hello 25A Lions

I want to thank you all for my fantastic year as your Governor! It would not have been so terrific without the 25A team! I wish our new governor, Lion Robin Smith, and her team good luck! I know they will do a fantastic job.

Now I am on to new duties. First I will be your LCIF District Coordinator. I look forward to this task – the Foundation does so much for people throughout the world and here in Indiana. So please let me know when I can come visit your club for a presentation. My next activity is ... Activities. My goal is to track your club activities better – you all do fantastic projects for your communities and we need to let people know. I also want to create a calendar of 25A club activities for 2017 – 2018. Lastly, I will be working on Women’s membership. I am open to ideas for all these endeavors. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information

For now, I am off to the convention in Chicago. I hope to see some of you there. Enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and **be safe**.

**Lion Patty Cooke, IPDG**



# 25-A Officer Training 2017

**July 8, 2017 ... 9am Central Time**

Where: Kouts, IN St. Paul Lutheran Church 507 S Rose Ave, Kouts IN 46347 Phone: 219-766-2724

Club Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurer, Zone & Region Chairs, Membership Chairs. Any interested Lions

**FREE:** Snacks and Lunch will be provided.

9:00 am: Opening Welcome Session and General Information.

9:30 am: Group Activity-Ice Breaker

10:00 am: Breakout training sessions:

A: Region and Zone Chairs

B: Presidents

C: Secretaries

D: Treasurers

E: Membership Chairs

11:30: Lunch

12:15: Another Fun Activity

1:00 : Leadership in Lions-All Lions

1:15 : Membership in Lions-All Lions

Closing Remarks-Adjournment



**RSVP by July 1, 2017 \* Include Title, Name and Club**

RSVP is needed for Lunch Count and gives you a free ticket for Prizes!

**RSVP to: PDG Connie Roe, Leadership Chair**

Cell: 219-863-0761 (text or call) or email: [kroegwen@embarqmail.com](mailto:kroegwen@embarqmail.com)

There is no 'i' in team but there is in win. *Michael Jordan*



# District 25-A Banner Night

Hosted by the Chesterton Lions Club

Honoring District 25-A Governor



## Robin Smith

### Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Chesterton Moose Lodge – 602 Broadway

6:00 pm Social 🌶️ Cash Bar 🌶️ 7:00 pm Fiesta Dinner

Fiesta Dinner includes Authentic Mexican Steak and Chicken Fajitas,  
Pork and Cheese Tamales, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans,  
Fresh Salsa, Chips and Fixins,\* Beverage and Dessert.

🎭 Silent Auction 6 ~ 9:00 pm 🎭

## District 25-A Banner Night

Hosted by the Chesterton Lions Club

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Please RSVP by July 15<sup>th</sup>

Club / District \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to:* Chesterton Lions Club

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to:* Chesterton Lions Club, President, Laura Layman

312 W Indiana Avenue, Chesterton, IN 46304

Info: 219-617-1742



**DG Robin Smith**

2017-2018

District Governor

District 25A

## 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting

*Sponsored by the Lion Service Committee District 25A*

**Sunday, July 30, 2017 - 1:00 PM CDT**

**St. John Township Community Center**

**1515 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30, Just West of RT 41), Schererville, IN 46375  
219 - 865-2705**

**Come meet the 2017-18 Cabinet,  
Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and Committee Chairs.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> 25A Cabinet Meeting

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Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: CS Barbara Toosley  
13700 Lantern Drive  
St John, IN 46373  
LionBarb@comcast.net



## TOUCHING LIVES THROUGH SERVICE

### District 25A Meeting at LOFS Clubhouse—June 4th, 2017



District 25A Lions Awarded DG Patty Cooke a W.P. Woods Fellowship at her final Cabinet Meeting. In photo are DGE Robin Smith, DG Patty, 1st VDGE Dennis Brown, and Cabinet Secretary Angie Schmeltz.



DG Patty Cooke presented PCC Mike Gutyan a Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance through the year for the District and the District Governor.

### *South Haven Lions Club*



South Have Lions installed three new members, inducted by DG Patty Cooke. From left are new Lion Paula Raupoch, Secretary Judy Shaffer, DG Patty, new Lion Ken Von Holtz, Lion Pat Kalina, and new Lion Nancy Mendez.



DG Patty Cooke and SH President Lion Carolyn Laviolette dressed as Pirates for a fun club meeting.

### *Morocco Lions Club*

The Morocco Lions Club will be holding their annual Bingo Game at the Newton County Fair from July 10—17, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

### *Chesterton Lions Club*

Chesterton Lions will be having a Pancake Breakfast on July 4th from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by their Annual Turtle Derby and the 19th Annual Duck Race. All events are at Hawthorne Park in Porter, IN.

**Welcome New Members to 25A**

<b>Club</b>	<b>New Member</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Hamlet</b>	<b>Donald E. Harman</b>	<b>Mitch Semans</b>
<b>Hobart</b>	<b>Linda M. Shedrow</b>	<b>Elinor Davis</b>
<b>Hobart</b>	<b>Kelly Shinabarger</b>	<b>Joseph Larson</b>
<b>IH—East Chicago</b>	<b>Patricia Bodnar</b>	<b>Ralph Flores</b>
<b>IH— East Chicago</b>	<b>Rebecca I. Mendez</b>	<b>Patrick Rodriguez Jr.</b>
<b>IH—East Chicago</b>	<b>Tait Villarrea</b>	<b>Naomi Rodriguez</b>
<b>Mill Creek Community</b>	<b>Amanda R. Roe</b>	<b>Emily Howard</b>
<b>Monterey</b>	<b>Randall T. Layman</b>	<b>Douglas Denton</b>
<b>Monterey</b>	<b>Danny L. Souris</b>	<b>Kelli Denton</b>
<b>Portage</b>	<b>Barbara B. Anderson</b>	<b>Kenneth Anderson</b>
<b>Schererville Central</b>	<b>Sandy Lessentine</b>	<b>Heidi Zima</b>
<b>Union Mills</b>	<b>Stephen R. Blazek</b>	<b>Mary Deering</b>

**Headstart Vision Screenings—Help Needed**

Dear Lions of 25A,

This is the schedule for the KidSight Vision Screenings for Headstart of Lake and Porter Counties. This is for their summer sign-up and health fair for enrollment into the program. They have asked us to participate again in this week long testing. I need as many Lions to help us out with this project. We test about 500 children in the week. Please pass this request on to your members of your clubs that would like to do a KidSight Screening. Please email me the days and times you can help. I will set-up a schedule once I hear from Lions. My email is [emschmeltz56@att.net](mailto:emschmeltz56@att.net) and phone is 219-374-9714. The times are 9 AM to 5 PM every day.

For all you do as Lions,

Lion Angie Schmeltz, Vision Services

Monday, July 24, 2017

1401 E. 144<sup>th</sup> Street

East Chicago, IN

Thursday, July 27, 2017

8400 Louisiana St.

Merrillville, IN

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

1611 W. Ridge Road

Gary, IN

Friday, July 28, 2017

8400 Louisiana St.

Merrillville, IN

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

6070 Miller Avenue

Gary, IN

## Your Help Needed! Anyone Seen the Tin Man?



There is a song that was released in 1974 by the pop rock band, America. It's title is; *Tin Man*. Part of the song lyrics go, "No Oz never did give nothing to the Tin Man that he didn't, didn't already have..."

The reason this part of the lyrics is so important is because it reminded me that in the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, the Tin Man wanted a heart. And if you remember, the Great and Powerful Oz told him he already had one! He didn't need a physical heart to have heart.

Now let us take a look at how these lyrics can apply to the upcoming officer training. Are you sitting there thinking I already have this figured out, I certainly do not need the Great and Powerful Oz to tell me anything I don't already know! What about the new officers that can draw on your experience and expertise? I am quite certain that the new and incoming officers would love to draw on your heart, your courage and your brains!

Officer training is drawing near; July 8<sup>th</sup>! I encourage each and every club officer, region, zone and member chair to RSVP today for the training. As you can see by the officer training flyer, it is going to be an informational and fun-filled time. Not convinced yet? Okay, here comes the best part...FREE FOOD and Beach Volleyball!

To continue with the Tin Man lyrics, "So please believe in me when I say..."

**One Team, One Dream, It's Go Time! Please RSVP Today!**

See you at the training...

Yours in Lionism, PDG Connie Roe, GLT Chair 25A



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**In Memoriam to those who have served:**

**Union Mills - Greg Campbell**

**Westville - Eugene C. Freese**

## Independence Day

Freedom has its life in the hearts,  
the actions, the spirit of men and so  
it must be daily earned and refreshed -  
else like a flower cut from its life-giving  
roots, it will wither and die.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower





## ONE FINAL REMINDER FOR INDIANA LIONS AND GUESTS

It's one week until the 100<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention, which is June 30 through July 4 in Chicago, Illinois. Below is crucial information from the Indiana International Convention Committee (ICC) regarding

1. **Please follow us on FACEBOOK at "Indiana Lions LCICON".** Daily activities will be posted there.
2. **Hospitality Room**
  - a. Our Hospitality Room is the "Indiana" Room, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL (312) 726-7500.
  - b. Visit the hospitality room for more information and to pick up **your Sunday Night Pizza dinner** reserved Admission Tickets (see below).
3. **INTERNATIONAL PARADE OF NATIONS - Saturday, July 1st on State Street**
  - a. **YOU MUST WEAR THE OFFICIAL INDIANA DELEGATION PARADE UNIFORM TO MARCH WITH US**
    - i. **Official black and yellow parade shirt, black pants, skirt, or capris, black shoes and optional official Indiana Delegation parade hat.**
    - ii. Contact PCC Sue or PDG Dan to buy a shirt or hat. We will have limited quantities at the convention, too. We will NOT have shirts or hats available at the assembly area on Saturday.
  - b. **INDIANA DELEGATION MUST ASSEMBLE AT 9:00 AM CT in the PINK AREA**
    - i. We expect to have 150 Lions to organize and that will take some time. You must be registered for LCICON and wear your LCICON badge (**Registration will not be open on Saturday prior to the start of the parade**) and receive a parade ribbon from an ICC member to march. PIDs, ID Candidates, and PIPs and families are exempted from uniform requirements and should be attired with respect to their positions.
  - c. The entire Parade Assembly Area is on West Wacker Drive (just south of the Chicago River). LCICON marshals will direct you to the proper location.
  - d. **If you are neither registered nor wearing the Indiana Delegation uniform (exceptions noted above), you cannot march.** We are a juried entry with a chance to win a prize.
4. We have received 130 plus reservations for the **Chicago-Style Pizza Dinner at Gino's East, Sunday night, July 2, 4:30-6:30 PM CT.** Thank you.
5. **Midwest breakfast** – Open to all of Indiana's registered attendees
  - a. Palmer House Hilton, Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM CT
  - b. Cost is \$54 each.
  - c. Contact Indiana State Administrative Secretary PCC Sue Topf to register.
    - i. Office Phone: 317-824-1024, Cell phone: (317) 332-5450
    - ii. email: [pccsue@indianalions.org](mailto:pccsue@indianalions.org)

## Where is the DG going in July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Contact DG Robin to schedule your club's official visit <a href="mailto:mswolfe@aol.com">mswolfe@aol.com</a> or (219) 462-8285						1 International Convention
2 International Convention	3 International Convention	4 International Convention	5	6	7	8 Officer Training
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 District E Banner Night
16	17	18	19	20	21 LCI Tour Council Meeting	22 Council Meeting District A Banner Night
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 District G Banner Night
30 District A District Meeting	31					

### *Clubs Can Contribute and Communicate*

Spread the news and brag a bit about what your club has done recently or has planned for the upcoming months. Send a news story – preferably with photos – for the upcoming newsletters to Lion Bill Ellis, Editor, at [ellisbilld@yahoo.com](mailto:ellisbilld@yahoo.com) or mail to Bill at P.O. Box 752, Chesterton, IN 46304. Be sure to include names of Lions and others in your photos.

If the Newsletter is reaching a Club President or Secretary who is no longer in office, please send me a new name and e-mail address to update our records.

Club Activities can also be listed in the newsletter by sending a brief announcement to our Activities Chair IPDG Patty Cooke at [patty.cooke@gmail.com](mailto:patty.cooke@gmail.com)

### **Indiana Lions Calendar for July**

July 1-4: International Lions Convention, Chicago

July 8: Foundation Meeting at State Office Building

July 15: District 25C, 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting, Riley Twp, IN

July 15: District 25F, Organizational Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting, Greensburg, IN

July 15: District 25E Banner Night, Petersburg, IN

July 21: Governors trip to LCI

July 22: First Council Meeting, Portage, IN

July 22: District 25A Banner Night, Chesterton, IN

July 29: District 25G Banner Night, Manchester, IN

July 30: District 25A Cabinet Meeting, Schererville, IN